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IALS News

IALS Appoints Nothando Lunga as Creative Practitioner in Residence

Nothando Lunga has been appointed as the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) 2026 Creative Practitioner in Residence. The role is made possible through funding provided by the School of Advanced Study to all of its Institutes for an annual residency. The year 2026 is the 50th anniversary of the opening of Charles Clore House, where IALS is based. It is a grade II listed brutalist building designed by the renowned British architect, Denys Lasdun. The call for proposals this year focused on creative responses to the building and the history of its site at 17 Russell Square in London.

Nothando Lunga holds a Master's degree in Architecture from the Graduate School of Architecture at the University of Johannesburg, where her thesis examined how archival and spatial practices can help reinterpret the #FeesMustFall student movement by exposing infringements of students' constitutional rights

during the protests. Nothando is currently pursuing a PhD in Architecture at the Royal College of Art, where she investigates decolonial approaches to land reform in former sugarcane plantations along South Africa's East Coast.

She has taught at the University of Cape Town and the University of Johannesburg and has worked in architectural practice. Nothando's work has been supported by the Goethe-Institut, and she serves on the editorial team of *Ellipses Journal*. She has contributed to the Index of Edges, an audio installation presented at the 2023 Venice Biennale Architettura. She was also a participant at the African Futures Institutes' Nomadic African Studio, Fes, Morocco.

Commenting on her appointment as Creative Practitioner in Residence, Nothando said:

I'm delighted to be appointed the 2026 Creative Practitioner in Residence. This role offers a chance to develop ambitious ideas that engage with the past, respond to the present, and imagine the future

of Charles Clore House as an exhibition space, while rethinking how we listen to the many voices embedded in our built environment and how we can more effectively amplify them.

Former IALS student sworn-in as Judge of the Court of Appeal in Kenya

Congratulations to our former student Johnson Okoth Okello who has been sworn in as Judge of the Court of Appeal in Kenya. Mr Justice Okello completed the LLM in Legislative Drafting at IALS 20 years ago. He has been in regular contact with the Sir

William Dale Centre for Legislative Studies and our Legislative Drafting Course.

Mr Justice Okello's career began at the Kenya Law Reform Commission, where he specialized in legal research and legislative drafting. He has consulted for organizations such as the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, contributing to legislative drafting and training. He served as Director of Legal Services in the Senate of Kenya and was the first African elected President of the Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel.

University of London Press: Latest Books

The Institute is delighted to announce two new open access publications from [University of London Press](#), in the series, *Reimagining Law and Justice*, edited by Carl Stychin, Director of IALS. Both books are available in hard copy or are free to download. Further details can be found on the series [webpage](#).

***Law and Justice in the 1950s: Case Studies From a Neglected Decade* edited by Fiona Cownie and Rosemary Auchmuty**

The 1950s was a decade of considerable legal development in England and Wales, despite often being regarded as very

conservative in contrast to the more radical 1960s and 1970s. This collection illustrates the breadth of those developments, providing a socio-legal perspective on a range of topics across criminal, property, family, commercial, environmental and public law, and legal education. It examines the social, political and economic context of the decade to reveal how legal developments in the 1950s have much greater significance than has generally been acknowledged to date. Drawing on case studies from the Great London Smog in 1952, the treatment of women in the Wolfenden Report and divorce law reform, to the takeover battle for the Savoy Hotel in 1953, law on the radio and more, the chapters

throw new light on current debates about the relationship between law and issues of justice, inclusion and equality in different spheres of activity.

***Migrating Borders and Citizenship in Law* by Devyani Prabhat, former member of the IALS Advisory Council**

The book argues that law has multiple roles and mechanisms for breathing life into borders, operating at different locales and scales (from worldwide to the nation; from the family to the workplace), and through different practices, for example, preventing entry or withholding access to resources. It examines case law,

legislation and press accounts relating to several key events in recent times that have changed the legal landscape on migration control, such as the Immigration and Nationality Acts in the United Kingdom (UK), the end of empire, the arrival of *Empire Windrush*, Brexit, Covid and the case of Shamima Begum. Focusing on race and ethnicity, gender and class, as well as crime and control, the book contextualizes the legal debates around these historical and political developments, the question of who belongs, the consequences of behaviour for immigration status and citizenship, and the links with conduct and national security.

IALS Library Legal Fiction Collection

In support of the National Year of Reading 2026, the Library is launching a Legal Fiction collection which will be housed in carousels on the second floor of the Library. The National Year of Reading 2026 is a UK-wide campaign designed to inspire more people to make reading a regular part of their lives. At the IALS Library, we are taking this opportunity to learn more about our students' and researchers' reading interests and to support their wellbeing by inviting them to take time out for recreational reading. We are

seeking suggestions from across our reader community.

To suggest up to three works of fiction with a legal theme, see the [IALS National Year of Reading 2026: Suggest a Book for IALS webpage](#).

Podcasts and Videos

Selected law lectures, seminars, workshops and conferences hosted by IALS in the School of Advanced Study are recorded and accessible for viewing and downloading.

See [website](#) for details.